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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

German Patent documents DE 33 34 716 and DE 41 12 577 were cited in an Office Action from the German Patent Office. Applicants submit herewith an English translation of the Office Action and German Patent document DE 33 34 716. German Patent document DE 41 12 577 has a U.S. counterpart in U.S. 5,231,897 which is already of record.

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